

affecting the County and will not provide or disclose any of the County's records, materials, or other data to any third party other than to affiliates and subcontractors performing Services under this Agreement, and in such cases for the sole purpose of performing such Services and subject to the conditions hereof.

5. Termination for Convenience – Cook County, specifically the Office of the President, may terminate this Agreement, or any portion, at any time by notice in writing from the County to the Consultant. If the Agreement is terminated by the Office of the President, the Consultant shall deliver to the County all finished or unfinished Documents prepared by the Consultant under this Agreement and these shall be and become the property of the Office of the President. Payment for the work performed before the effective date of such termination shall be based upon an estimate of the services/materials actually performed/supplied by the Consultant to the date of termination. Such payment made to the Consultant shall be in full settlement for services rendered under this Agreement.

6. Governing Law - This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. The Contractor irrevocably agrees that, subject to the County's sole and absolute election, any action or proceeding in any way, manner or respect arising out of the Contract, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Agreement, shall be litigated only in courts within the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the Consultant consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof.

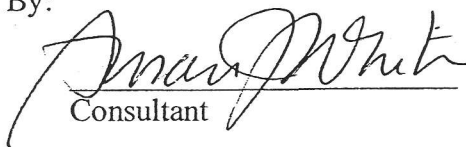
7. Compensation/Method of Payment – For services rendered under this Agreement, Cook County shall pay to Consultant an amount up to \$125,000.00 (One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars). Invoices may be submitted on a monthly basis. All invoices submitted by Consultant shall contain a detailed description of the work provided by Consultant. All invoices shall be submitted together with a properly completed County Voucher form (29A).

8. Period of Performance/Term – Consultant's services in connection with this Agreement commenced on February 1, 2009 and terminate on or before December 31, 2009. This Agreement shall govern all services provided by the Consultant and any additional services related thereto as agreed by the Parties.

Date:

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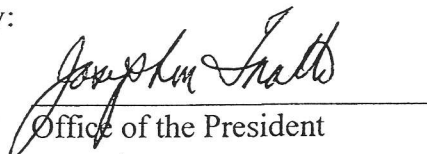
Accepted By:


Consultant

Date:

3-27-09

Accepted By:


Office of the President

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Consulting Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of March 10, 2009 by and between Susan White ("Consultant") and Cook County.

WHEREAS, Cook County, specifically the Office of the President, desires to engage Consultant to perform certain services to Cook County as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, Consultant agrees to perform such services outlined herein and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AGREED, that, the following services shall be agreed to and accepted by both the Consultant and Cook County, Office of the President (collectively referred to as "Parties").

1. Scope of Services – Consultant shall provide unique consulting and lobbying services and strategic counsel to Cook County before the United States Congress, its Members and committees and federal agencies and departments.
2. Project Team – Consultant shall provide specialized services to provide the scope of services required in the above paragraph. The quality, experience and availability of personnel employed by Consultant is of the essence.
3. Independent Contractor Status; Non Exclusivity - The Consultant and its employees, agents and subcontractors are, for all purposes arising out of the Agreement, independent contractors and not employees of Cook County nor the Office of the President. It is expressly understood and agreed that neither the Consultant nor its employees, agents or subcontractors shall be entitled to any benefit to which County employees may be entitled including, but not limited to, overtime or unemployment compensation, insurance or retirement benefits, workers' compensation or occupational disease benefits or other compensation or leave arrangements.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, or by any third party, as creating the relationship or principal and agent or of partnership or of joint venturer or any relationship between the parties hereto other than that of independent contractors. Nothing herein shall be construed to confer upon any third parties the status of third party beneficiary. The County shall utilize the Services of Consultant on a non-exclusive basis.

4. Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents - All Work Product of Consultant that results from the performance of this Agreement will be considered "works made for hire" for the purposes of Section 101 of the Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 101) and will be owned by the Office of the President.

Consultant acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Agreement is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Consultant in any way, whether during the term of this Agreement or any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Consultant's performance of services hereunder. Consultant shall comply with the applicable privacy laws and regulations

CONTRACT NO. 09-41-134

EXHIBIT "B"

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & VETERANS
RELATIONS #298632
BY THE BOARD OF COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEB 04 2009

PRESIDENT

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Transmitting a Communication, dated January 29, 2009 from

TODD H. STROGER, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with Susan J. White of Susan J. White & Associates, Inc., whose name I am submitting for consideration as a county lobbyist. Ms. White will serve for a period of eleven months beginning February 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$125,000.00. Contract period: February 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (490-260 Account).

Approval of this item would commit Fiscal Year 2009 funds.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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CONTRACT NO. 09-41-134

EXHIBIT "A"

SPECIFICATIONS AND AGREEMENT

The undersigned declares that he has carefully examined the Agreement Form, General and Special Conditions and Specifications identified as Contract Document Number 09-41-134 for LOBBYIST SERVICES for the OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, as prepared by Cook County, and that he has familiarized himself with all of the conditions under which it must be carried out and understands that by this agreement he waives all right to plead any misunderstanding regarding the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>UNIT OF MEASURE</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	JOB	1	LOBBYIST SERVICES, AS PER EXHIBIT "B" HEREIN.
			<u>\$125,000.00/JOB</u>
			<u>\$125,000.00/TOTAL</u>

GRAND TOTAL
NOT TO EXCEED: \$125,000.00

NOTE: DO NOT SERVICE UNTIL NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT.

CONTRACT PERIOD: FEBRUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009

GC-37 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS; NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

The Contractor and its employees, agents and subcontractors are, for all purposes arising out of the Contract, independent contractors and not employees of the County. It is expressly understood and agreed that neither the Contractor nor Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors shall be entitled to any benefit to which County employees may be entitled including, but not limited to, overtime or unemployment compensation, insurance or retirement benefits, workers' compensation or occupational disease benefits or other compensation or leave arrangements.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, or by any third party, as creating the relationship or principal and agent or of partnership or of joint venturer or any relationship between the parties hereto other than that of independent contractors. Nothing herein shall be construed to confer upon any third parties the status of third party beneficiary.

GC-38 COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL

Persons or businesses seeking County contracts are required to abide by all of the applicable provisions of the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance (Section 2-281 et. seq. of the Cook County Code of Ordinances). Failure to cooperate as required may result in monetary and/or other penalties.

Contractors, subcontractors, licensees, grantees or persons or businesses who have a County contract, grant, license, or certification of eligibility for County contracts shall abide by all of the applicable provisions of the Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance. Failure to cooperate as required may result in monetary and/or other penalties.

END OF SECTION

GC-20 MATERIAL DATA SAFETY SHEET

Where required under the Illinois "Toxic Substance Disclosure To Employees Act", Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2002, 820 ILCS 255/1, Contractor shall submit with each delivery of Deliverables, a Material Safety Data Sheet.

GC-21 CONDUCT OF THE CONTRACTOR

The Contractor agrees to inform the County on a timely basis of all of the Contractor's interests, if any, which are or which the Contractor reasonably believes may be incompatible with any interest of the County. The Contractor shall take notice of and comply with the Cook County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance (No. 93-0-22, 6-22-93). Neither the Contractor nor any of its employees, agents or subcontractors shall use for business or personal gain, or make other improper use of, confidential information which is acquired in connection with the Contract. To the extent Contractor will have access to the County's protected health information in performing its responsibilities under this Contract, Contractor shall contact the Chief Privacy Officer for the Using Department(s) and shall execute the County's business associate agreement prior to performing any responsibilities which involve access to protected health information.

GC-22 ACCIDENT REPORTS

Contractor shall provide the Purchasing Agent and the Director of the Using Department with prompt written notification (no later than twenty-four (24) hours) of any occurrence, on County premises or otherwise, which pertains in any way to this Contract and which results in either bodily injury to employees or third parties or property damage. The report shall include the name of person(s) injured, if any; name of the injured person's employer, if any; the date, time and location of the occurrence; description of the extent of injury and/or damage; the name(s) of witnesses; the names of any providers known to have provided treatment for injuries sustained; and such other information as may be required by the County. The Contractor shall notify the local police regarding any occurrence requiring an official police record. The report submitted to the County should indicate whether the police were notified and, if so, the number of the police report.

GC-23 USE OF COUNTY PREMISES AND RESOURCES

Contractor shall confer with the Director of the Using Department to ascertain full knowledge of all rules and regulations of the County facilities relative to this Contract and shall cause all of its employees, agents and subcontractors to comply therewith. The Contractor shall confine the operations of its employees, agents and subcontractors on County premises to the performance of the Contract consistent with limits indicated by laws, ordinances, permits and/or direction of the Director of the Using Department and shall not encumber the premises with materials or debris. In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall not cause or permit a condition that endangers the safety of others and shall not load or permit any part of a structure to be loaded with a weight that will endanger the safety of the structure or any persons.

GC-24 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE AND SUSPENSION OF CONTRACT

The County may terminate this Contract, or any portion, at any time by notice in writing from the County to the Contractor. Unless otherwise stated in the notice, the effective date of such termination shall be three business days after the date the notice of termination is mailed by the County. If the County elects to terminate the Contract in full, unless otherwise specified in the notice of termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease performance and shall promptly tender to the County all Deliverables, whether completed or in process. If the County elects to terminate the Contract in part, unless otherwise specified in the notice of partial termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease performance of those portions of the Contract which are terminated and shall promptly tender to the County all Deliverables relating to said portions of the Contract, whether completed or in process. Contractor shall refrain from incurring any further costs with respect to portions of the Contract which are terminated except as specifically approved by the Purchasing Agent.

GC-25 GENERAL NOTICE

All notices required pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and addressed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below. All such notices shall be deemed duly given if hand delivered or if deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, return receipt requested. Notice as provided herein does not waive service of summons or process.

TO THE COUNTY:

COOK COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT
118 North Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Include County Contract Number in all notices)

TO THE CONTRACTOR:

At address provided on the Execution Pages or as otherwise indicated in writing to County Purchasing Agent in a written document which, in bold face type, references the name of the Contractor, the County Contract Number and states "NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS."

GC-26 GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor shall furnish all guarantees and warranties applicable to the Deliverables to the Director of the Using Department prior to or at the time of delivery. All Deliverables shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties and guarantees the Contractor gives to any customer for the same or substantially similar Deliverables or Services. The rights and remedies so provided shall be in addition to and shall not limit any rights afforded to County under this Contract.

To the extent Contractor provides Deliverables manufactured by another entity, Contractor shall transfer original product warranty and any rights to manufacturer's related services to the County and shall submit all appropriate documentation of said transfer to the Director of the Using Department prior to or at the time the Contractor tenders the Deliverables.

GC-27 STANDARD OF DELIVERABLES

Except as may be expressly stated in the Special Conditions or Specifications of this Contract, only new, originally manufactured Deliverables will be accepted by the County. The County will not accept any Deliverables that have been refurbished, rebuilt, restored or renovated in any manner. In addition, experimental materials will not be acceptable. Deliverables not produced by regular production methods and/or which have not been offered for sale to the public through accepted industry trade channels for a reasonable period of time prior to the commencement of the Contract will be considered experimental.

GC-28 DELIVERY

All Contract Goods shipped to the County shall be shipped F.O.B., DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID. Arrangements shall be made in advance by the Contractor in order that the County may arrange for receipt of the materials.

Truck deliveries will be accepted before 3:00 P.M. on weekdays only. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays or County Holidays. The County is not responsible for delivery delays due to waiting times for loading and unloading at dock locations.

The quantity of Contract Goods delivered by truck will be ascertained from a weight certificate issued by a duly licensed Public Weight-Master. In the case of delivery by rail, weight will be ascertained from bill of lading from originating line, but the County reserves the right to re-weigh at the nearest available railroad scale.

The County reserves the right to add new delivery locations or delete previously listed delivery locations as required during the Contract period. The only restriction regarding the County's right to add new delivery locations shall be that any new or additional location shall be within the geographical boundaries of the County of Cook.

GC-29 QUANTITIES

Any quantities of indicated in the Proposal Pages for the performance of the Contract are estimates for the purpose of determining an approximate total Contract amount and may not be the actual quantities required by the County during the term of the Contract. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease such quantities at the Contract price to correspond to the actual needs of the County. If the County increases the quantities required, any such increase shall be subject to an agreed written amendment in the Contract Amount. The County will be obligated to order and pay for only such quantities as are from time to time ordered, delivered, and accepted on purchase orders issued by the Purchasing Agent.

GC-30 CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

Whenever the singular is used herein, the masculine, feminine and neuter gender shall be deemed to include the others. The headings of articles, paragraphs and sections in this Contract are included for convenience only and shall not be considered by either party in construing the meaning of this Contract. If any provision or clause of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, such provision or clause shall be deleted from the Contract and the Contract shall be construed to give effect to the remaining portions thereof.

This Contract shall be interpreted and construed based upon the following order of precedence of component parts. Such order of precedence shall govern to resolve all cases of conflict, ambiguity or inconsistency.

1. Addenda, if any.
2. Execution Forms
3. Specification.
4. Special Conditions.
5. General Conditions.
6. Instruction to Bidders.
7. Legal Advertisement.
8. Bid Proposal.

GC-31 CONFIDENTIALITY AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that information regarding this Contract is confidential and shall not be disclosed, directly, indirectly or by implication, or be used by Contractor in any way, whether during the term of this Contract or at any time thereafter, except solely as required in the course of Contractor's performance hereunder. Contractor shall comply with the applicable privacy laws and regulations affecting County and will not disclose any of County's records, materials, or other data to any third party. Contractor shall not have the right to compile and distribute statistical analyses and reports utilizing data derived from information or data obtained from County without the prior written approval of County. In the event such approval is given, any such reports published and distributed by Contractor shall be furnished to County without charge.

All documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product created as a result of the performance of the Contract (the "Documents") shall be included in the Deliverables and shall be the property of the County of Cook. ~~It shall be a breach of this Contract for the Contractor to reproduce or use any documents, data, studies, reports, work product or product obtained from the County of Cook or any Documents created hereby, whether such reproduction or use is for Contractor's own purposes or for those of any third party.~~ During the performance of the Contract Contractor shall be responsible of any loss or damage to the Documents while they are in Contractor's possession, and any such loss or damage shall be restored at the expense of the Contractor. The County and its designees shall be afforded full access to the Documents and the work at all times.

GC-32 AUDIT; EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

The Contractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after the final payment under the Contract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices, and records of the Contractor related to the Contract, or to Contractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereof. The Contractor shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining records sufficient to document the costs associated with performance under the terms of this Contract.

The Contractor further agrees that it shall include in all of its subcontracts hereunder a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that the Cook County Auditor or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until expiration of three (3) years after final payment under the subcontract, have access and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, canceled checks, bank statements, purveyor's and other invoices and records of such subcontractor involving transactions relating to the subcontract, or to such subcontractor's compliance with any term, condition or provision thereunder or under the Contract.

In the event the Contractor receives payment under the Contract, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by the County, the Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the County on request, or at the County's option, the County may credit the amount disallowed from the next payment due or to become due to the Contractor under any contract with the County.

GC-32 AUDIT; EXAMINATION OF RECORDS (CON'T.)

To the extent this Contract pertains to Deliverables which may be reimbursable under the Medicaid or Medicare Programs, Contractor shall retain and make available upon request, for a period of four (4) years after furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement, the contract, books, documents and records which are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the costs of such services if requested by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives. If Contractor carries out any of its duties under the Agreement through a subcontract with a related organization involving a value of cost of \$10,000.00 or more over a 12 month period, Contractor will cause such subcontract to contain a clause to the effect that, until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of any service pursuant to said subcontract, the related organization will make available upon request of the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of said subcontract and any books, documents, records and other data of said related organization that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of such costs. This paragraph relating to the retention and production of documents is included because of possible application of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act to this Agreement; if this Section should be found to be inapplicable, then this paragraph shall be deemed inoperative and without force and effect.

GC-33 GOVERNING LAW

This Contract shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Contractor irrevocably agrees that, subject to the County's sole and absolute election to the contrary, any action or proceeding in any way, manner or respect arising out of the Contract, or arising from any dispute or controversy arising in connection with or related to the Contract, shall be litigated only in courts within the Circuit Court of Cook County in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and the Contractor consents and submits to the jurisdiction thereof. In accordance with these provisions, Contractor waives any right it may have to transfer or change the venue of any litigation brought against it by the County pursuant to this Contract.

GC-34 WAIVER

No term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach consented to unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. The waiver of any such provision shall be strictly limited to the identified provision.

GC-35 ENTIRE CONTRACT

It is expressly agreed that the provisions set forth in this Contract constitute all the understandings and agreements between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly set forth in this Contract are of no force and effect.

GC-36 FORCE MAJEURE OR UNAVOIDABLE DELAYS

Neither Contractor nor County shall be liable for failing to fulfill any obligation under this Contract if such failure is caused by an event beyond such party's reasonable control which is not caused by such party's fault or negligence. Such events shall be limited to acts of God, acts of war, fires, lightning, floods, epidemics, or riots.

GC-19 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
COOK COUNTY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10-43.7 PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING
SERVICE AND SOLE SOURCE (CON'T.)

IV. REPORTING/RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Proposer is required to comply with the reporting and record-keeping requirements as set forth in the Ordinance and as established by the Contract Compliance Administrator. Upon award of a contract, The Proposer is responsible for acquiring all necessary Office of Contract Compliance reporting and record-keeping forms as made available in the Office of Contract Compliance

The Office of Contract Compliance will notify each Contractor and Sub-Contractor upon award of a contract of their reporting obligations (Vendor Notification Letter)

The Office of Contract Compliance will notify each MBE/WBE Sub-Contractor of the award of a contract to a Prime Contractor, the MBE/WBE dollar amount of participation and the percentage (%) amount of participation. The Sub- Contractors will be required to submit on a timely basis, Sub-Contractors Payment Affidavits (see forms section) with proof of payment or money paid to them by the Prime Contractor.

The Office of Contract Compliance requests payment affidavits and proof of payment to MBE/WBE Sub-Contractors as follows:

1. **Annual Contracts:** monthly reporting from both Prime and Sub-Contractors.
2. **Multi Year Contracts:** quarterly reporting from both Prime and Sub-Contractors including proof of payments.
3. **One time purchases** require verification of proof of payment **immediately.**

Failure to comply with this section will be reviewed as non-compliance as stated under Section III. Non-Compliance.

V. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Compliance with MBE and WBE requirements will not diminish or supplant Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights provisions as otherwise required by law as they relate to contractor and subcontractor obligations.

Any questions regarding this document should be directed to:

Betty Hancock Perry
Administrator
Cook County Office of Contract Compliance
118 N. Clark Street – Room 1020
Chicago, Illinois 60602
(312)603-5502

GC-19 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

**COOK COUNTY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10-43.7 PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING
SERVICE AND SOLE SOURCE (CON'T.)**

2. A **Letter of Intent** for each MBE/WBE containing specific information regarding goods to be provided or services to be performed by the MBE/WBE; the dollar value of the goods or services, the percentage (%) of the dollar value; and the original signatures of the appropriate officer for both the Proposer and the MBE/WBE. (See Exhibit II)
3. Current **Letter of Certification** for each MBE/WBE firm. Acceptable certifying agencies are: Cook County, Illinois Unified Certification Program (IUCP) and U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) (8A) or any other governmental body or agency approved by the Contract Compliance Administrator as applying certification standards substantially similar to those applied by the County of Cook may also be accepted.
4. **Waiver/Goal Reduction Petition** must be included at the time of the submission of the Proposal document. Where the Proposer does not include all documentation in support of the Petition at the time of submission, such documentation must be submitted to the Office of Contract Compliance not less than three (3) business days after the submission date.

The Contract Compliance Administrator retains the right to reject the certification of any MBE or WBE on the ground that it does not meet the County's definition of a MBE or WBE.

B. Use of MBE/WBE Professionals

Each Proposer shall submit with its proposal, a statement which discloses how it intends to maximize the use of minority and women professionals in the course of performing the contract.

C. Affirmative Action Plan

Each Proposer shall submit a copy of its current EEO-1 Report and a copy of its current Letter of Compliance from the United States Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. Absent a Letter from OFCCP, the Proposer shall submit a written report of the inclusion of minority and women professional in the workforce of their company.

III. NON-COMPLIANCE

Where the County of Cook determines that the Proposer has failed to comply with its contractual commitments or any portion of the Ordinance, it will notify the contractor of such non-compliance and may take any and all appropriate actions as set forth within the Ordinance.

GC-19 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

COOK COUNTY ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10-43.7 PROFESSIONAL AND CONSULTING
SERVICE AND SOLE SOURCE

I. POLICY AND GOALS

- A. It is the policy of the County of Cook to prevent discrimination in the award of or participation in the County contracts and to eliminate arbitrary barriers for participation, as both prime and subcontractors, in such contracts by local businesses certified as Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women- Owned Business Enterprises (WBE). In furtherance of this policy, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Minority-and-Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance (the "Ordinance") which establishes a "best efforts" goal of awarding not less than thirty-five percent (35%) of the annual total dollar amount of professional, consulting service and sole source contracts and agreements to certified MBEs and WBEs.
- B. A Proposer may achieve the MBE/WBE participation goals by its status as a MBE or WBE; by entering into a joint venture with one or more MBEs and/or WBEs; by subcontracting a portion of the work to one or more MBEs or WBEs; by entering into a Mentor-Protégé Agreement with a MBE or WBE; by the indirect participation of MBEs or WBEs in other aspects of the Proposer's business; or by a combination of the foregoing.
- C. A Waiver Request must be submitted with the Proposal, documenting the inability of the Proposer to meet the goals, and providing written evidence of "Good Faith Efforts," to obtain goals.
- D. A Proposer's failure to carry out its MBE/WBE commitments in the course of performance on a contract shall constitute a material breach of the contract, and if such breach is not appropriately cured, may result in the termination of the contract or such other remedies authorized by the Ordinance as the County deems appropriate.

II. REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

To be considered responsive to the requirements of the Ordinance, a Proposer shall submit Items A, B and C listed below. All documentation submitted shall be reviewed by the Contract Compliance Administrator. Failure to submit one of the items required shall be cause to consider a contract non-responsive to the Ordinance goals and may be rejected.

A. MBE/WBE Participation Documentation

Each Proposer shall submit supporting documentation which evidences efforts taken to achieve the County's "best efforts" MBE/WBE participation goals. Such documentation shall include:

- 1. A Utilization Plan identifying all firms intended to be utilized to fulfill the goals; the MBE/WBE status of each firm; the name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the contact person for each MBE/WBE firm; the dollar value of the goods and services to be provided by the MBE/WBE firm; and the dollar value expressed as a percentage (%) of the total value of the purposed contract. (See Section I)

GC-16 MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The parties may from time to time during the term of the Contract make modifications and amendments to the Contract but only as provided in this section. Such modifications and amendments shall only be made by mutual agreement in writing. Modifications and amendments which individually or cumulatively result in additional cost of \$1,000.00 or greater or which extend the term of the Contract by thirty (30) days or more shall not be deemed as authorized without the approval of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Modifications and amendments which increase cost by less than \$1,000.00 or which do not extend the term of the Contract by more than thirty (30) days may only be made with the written approval of the Purchasing Agent.

Subject to the foregoing, the Director of the Using Department may, by written order, make changes with respect to the dates of delivery and places of performance of the Contract, provided that any such changes shall not increase the Contract price or the time required for Contract performance.

Contractor is hereby notified that, except for modifications and amendments which are made in accordance with this Section GC-16, Modifications and Amendments, no County department or employee thereof has authority to make any modification or amendment to this Contract.

GC-17 PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND LICENSES

Contractor shall furnish the Director of the Using Department with all licenses required for the County to utilize any software, including firmware or middleware, provided by Contractor as part of the Deliverables. Such licenses shall be clearly marked with a reference to the number of this County Contract. Contractor shall also furnish a copy of such licenses to the Purchasing Agent. Unless otherwise stated in these Contract documents, such licenses shall be perpetual and shall not limit the number of persons who may utilize the software on behalf of the County.

Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County, its officers, agents, employees and affiliates from and defend, at its own expense (including reasonable attorneys', accountants' and consultants' fees), any suit or proceeding brought against County based upon a claim that the ownership and/or use of equipment, hardware and software or any part thereof provided to the County or utilized in performing Contractor's services constitutes an infringement of any patent, copyright or license or any other property right.

In the event the use of any equipment, hardware or software or any part thereof is enjoined, Contractor with all reasonable speed and due diligence shall provide or otherwise secure for County, at the Contractor's election, one of the following: the right to continue use of the equipment, hardware or software; an equivalent system having the Specifications as provided in this Contract; or Contractor shall modify the system or its component parts so that they become non-infringing while performing in a substantially similar manner to the original system, meeting the requirements of this Contract.

GC-18 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS

The Contractor shall observe and comply with the laws, ordinances, regulations and codes of the Federal, State, County and other local government agencies which may in any manner affect the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, those County Ordinances set forth in the Certifications attached hereto and incorporated herein. Assurance of compliance with this requirement by the Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall secure and pay for all federal, state and local licenses, permits and fees required hereunder.

GC-12 DEFAULT

Contractor shall be in default hereunder in the event of a material breach by Contractor of any term or condition of this Contract including, but not limited to, a representation or warranty, where Contractor has failed to cure such breach within ten (10) days after written notice of breach is given to Contractor by the County, setting forth the nature of such breach.

In the event Contractor shall breach any material terms or conditions of this Contract on more than one occasion during any twelve month period during the term hereof, or in the event Contractor expresses an unwillingness or inability to continue performing the Contract in accordance with its terms, the County may, at its option, declare the Contractor to be in default and the County shall be entitled to exercise all available remedies including, but not limited to, termination of the Contract, without affording the Contractor further opportunity to cure such breach. Failure of County to give written notice of breach to the Contractor shall not be deemed to be a waiver of the County's right to assert such breach at a later time, should the Contractor commit a subsequent breach of this Contract.

County shall be in default hereunder if any material breach of the Contract by County occurs which is not cured by the County within ninety (90) days after written notice has been given by Contractor to the County, setting forth the nature of such breach.

GC-13 COUNTY'S REMEDIES

Following notice of material breach to Contractor, the County reserves the right to withhold payments otherwise owed to Contractor until such time as Contractor has cured the breach.

If the Contractor fails to remedy a material breach during the ten (10) day cure period pursuant to General Condition GC-12, Default, or if Contractor commits a subsequent material breach within a twelve month period or expresses an unwillingness or inability to continue performing the Contract in accordance with its terms, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor which shall set forth the effective date of such termination.

In addition, the County shall have the right to pursue all remedies in law or equity.

GC-14 CONTRACTOR'S REMEDIES

If the County has been notified of breach and fails to remedy the breach during the ninety(90) day cure period pursuant to General Condition GC-12, Default, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County, which notice shall set forth the effective date of termination.

Contractor shall have the right to pursue all remedies available in law or equity. In all cases the Contractor's damages shall be those actual provable damages not to exceed the amount of the Contract as awarded by the Cook County Board of Commissioners less all amounts paid to Contractor. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to any consequential damages. Irrespective of the exercise of remedies hereunder, Contractor shall not disrupt the County's operations or repossess any component thereof.

GC-15 DELAYS

Contractor agrees that no charges or claims for damages shall be made by Contractor for any delays or hindrances from any cause whatsoever during the progress of any portion of this Contract.

GC-08 TAXES

Federal Excise Tax does not apply to materials purchased by the County by virtue of Exemption Certificate No. 36-75-0038K. Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, Use Tax and Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax do not apply to deliverables, materials or services purchased by the County by virtue of statute. The price or prices quoted herein shall include any and all other federal and/or state, direct and/or indirect taxes which apply to this Contract. The County's State of Illinois Sales Tax Exemption Identification No. is E-9998-2013-05.

GC-09 PRICE REDUCTION

If at any time after the contract award, Contractor makes a general price reduction in the price of any of the Deliverables, the equivalent price reduction based on similar quantities and/or considerations shall apply to this Contract for the duration of the Contract period. For purposes of this Section GC-09, Price Reduction, a general price reduction shall include reductions in the effective price charged by Contractor by reason of rebates, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits with respect to the purchase of the Deliverables. Such price reductions shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as the reduction Contractor makes in the price of the Deliverables to its prospective customers generally.

GC-10 CONTRACTOR CREDITS

To the extent the Contractor gives credits toward future purchases of goods or services, financial incentives, discounts, value points or other benefits based on the purchase of the materials or services provided for under this Contract, such credits belong to the County and not any specific using department. Contractor shall reflect any such credits on its invoices and in the amounts it invoices the County.

GC-11 DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under the Contract between the County and Contractor shall be decided by the Purchasing Agent. The complaining party shall submit a written statement detailing the dispute and specifying the specific relevant Contract provision(s) to the Purchasing Agent. Upon request of the Purchasing Agent, the party complained against shall respond to the complaint in writing within five days of such request. The Purchasing Agent will reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor and the Director of the Using Department. The decision of the Purchasing Agent will be final and binding. Dispute resolution as provided herein shall be a condition precedent to any other action at law or in equity. However, unless a notice is issued by the Purchasing Agent indicating that additional time is required to review a dispute, the parties may exercise their contractual remedies, if any, if no decision is made within sixty (60) days following notification to the Purchasing Agent of a dispute. No inference shall be drawn from the absence of a decision by the Purchasing Agent. Notwithstanding a dispute, Contractor shall continue to discharge all its obligations, duties and responsibilities set forth in the Contract during any dispute resolution proceeding unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing.

GC-03 INSURANCE

Contractor shall purchase and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract insurance coverage which is satisfactory to the County and will satisfactorily insure the Contractor against claims and liabilities which arise or could arise because of the performance or nonperformance of the Contract. All insurance required hereunder shall meet the requirements of the County's Department of Risk Management and shall name the County as an additional insured unless such designation is unavailable due to commercial practices in the insurance industry as to a particular type of coverage. With the exception of certificates required to be submitted with the Proposal, Contract shall deliver to the County satisfactory certificates evidencing compliance with this insurance provision prior to commencing performance under the Contract.

GC-04 INSPECTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

At any and at all times during the term of the Contract and at any location where the Contract is performed, the County shall have a right to inspect any Deliverables provided in carrying out this Contract. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the quality and standards of all Deliverables furnished under this Contract. Deliverables may be rejected by the Purchasing Agent and/or the Director of the Using Department if they fail to meet Contract requirements or are provided in a manner which does not meet Contract requirements. In the event of such rejection, Deliverables shall be replaced and/or re-performed by the Contractor promptly and at no additional cost to the County. Any Deliverables rejected shall be removed within a reasonable time from the premises of the County at the entire expense of the Contractor, after notice has been given by the County to the Contractor that such Deliverables have been rejected.

GC-05 INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the County and its commissioners, officials, employees, agents and representatives, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, expenses, attorney's fees, losses, damages and liabilities incurred or suffered directly or indirectly from or attributable to any claims arising out of or incident to the performance or nonperformance of the Contract by the Contractor, or the acts or omissions of the officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, licensees or invitees of the Contractor. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any Performance Bond or insurance protection required of the Contractor, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify the County as hereinabove provided.

GC-06 PAYMENT

All invoices submitted by the Contractor shall be in accordance with the cost provisions contained in the Contract Documents and shall contain a detailed description of the Deliverables for which payment is requested. All invoices shall reflect the amounts invoiced by and the amounts paid to the Contractor as of the date of the invoice, and shall be submitted together with a properly completed County Voucher form (29A). Invoices for new charges shall not include "past due" amounts, if any, which amounts must be set forth on a separate invoice. No payments shall be made with respect to invoices which do not include the County Voucher form or which otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of this paragraph. Contractor shall not be entitled to invoice the County for any late fees or other penalties.

GC-07 PREPAID FEES

In the event this Contract is terminated by either party, for cause or otherwise, and the County has prepaid for any Deliverables, Contractor shall refund to the County, on a prorated basis to the effective date of termination, all amounts prepaid for Deliverables not actually provided as of the effective date of the termination. The refund shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of termination.

GC-01 SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT OR CONTRACT FUNDS

Once awarded, this Contract shall not be subcontracted or assigned, in whole or in part, without the advance written approval of the Purchasing Agent, which approval shall be granted or withheld at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Agent. In no case, however, shall such approval relieve the Contractor from its obligations or change the terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall not transfer or assign any Contract funds or any interest therein due or to become due without the advance written approval of the Purchasing Agent. The unauthorized subcontracting or assignment of the Contract, in whole or in part, or the unauthorized transfer or assignment of any Contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be due or are to become due the Contractor shall have no effect on the County and are null and void.

Prior to the commencement of the Contract, the Contractor shall identify in writing to the Purchasing Agent the any and all subcontractors it intends to use in the performance of the Contract. The Purchasing Agent shall have the right to disapprove any subcontractor. Identification of subcontractors to the Purchasing Agent shall be in addition to any communications with County offices other than the Purchasing Agent. All subcontractors shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall incorporate into all subcontracts all of the provisions of the Contract which affect such subcontract. Copies of subcontracts shall be provided to the Purchasing Agent upon request.

The Contractor must disclose the name and business address of each subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Contractor has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid or estimated to be paid. The Contractor is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the contractor's regular payroll. "Lobbyist" means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislation or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: (1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2), himself. "Lobbyist" also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action. If the Contractor is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Contractor must either ask the County, whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

The County reserves the right to prohibit any person from entering any County facility for any reason. All contractors and subcontractors of the Contractor shall be accountable to the Director of the Using Department or his designee while on any County property and shall abide by all rules and regulations imposed by the County.

GC-02 PERSONNEL

The quality, experience and availability of personnel employed by the Contractor is of the essence. The Contractor shall provide the County with a list of all key personnel to be used on the project and their designated assignment. The list shall include the qualifications of each person named. The County may at any time request, in writing, the Contractor to remove any of the Contractor's assigned personnel for cause and forthwith furnish to the County other acceptable personnel with thirty (30) days of notification. Notwithstanding the County's approval of Contractor's personnel, the Contractor shall be fully responsible to County for all work performed pursuant to this Contract by Contractor's employees, subcontractors or others who may be retained by the Contractor with the approval of the County.

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